

## Governor Joe Kernan Lt. Governor Kathy Davis

Oct. 19, 2004

The latest news about making government more accountable, accessible and efficient for Hoosiers

# Why one cabinet for Health & Human Services



Right now, Hoosiers receive social services through several state agencies. Coordinating these important agencies under one Health and Human Services cabinet will allow state workers to serve Hoosiers more efficiently and effectively.

# The Health and Human Services Cabinet Promote health, support independence and protect Indiana's vulnerable citizens CHILDREN AND HEALTH POLICY AND PURCHASING HEALTH BASED SERVICES Click here for more information about Indiana's new cabinet.

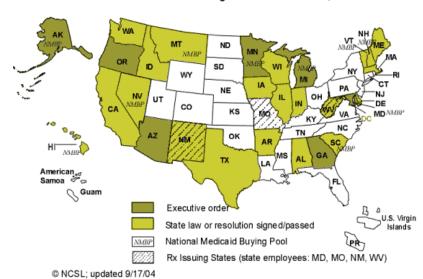
Gov. Kernan and Lt. Gov. Davis' reorganization of health and human services puts *separate* agencies that serve the same groups of Hoosiers under the direction of one *single* cabinet secretary, who will report directly to the governor. Under this new structure, for example, one agency in the HHS cabinet will coordinate services for children and families. This will mean:

- Families will work with a single care coordinator, who will serve as a liaison between families and various program case managers.
- A reduced need for more costly services later in a child's life as a result of better coordination of the services families and children need and earlier identification of potential problems.
- Lower costs through the coordination of sharing resources and reducing duplication.

"What would state government look like today if we were starting from scratch?"

- Gov. Joe Kernan January 2004

### Pharmaceutical Bulk Purchasing Laws and Initiatives, 1999-2004



# Why are prescription drug purchasing pools more effective?

### **Market power**

Increasing the number of people in the purchasing pool helps the state compete for better pricing. Think of it as buying wholesale vs. retail.

### Administrative efficiencies

When claims processing and reporting come from a single source, the plan's administration is more efficient.

# Coordinated care and disease management

Information and data coming from one pharmacy benefit manager will allow us to strengthen our disease management initiatives.

Be part of the progress! Submit your ideas to peak@lg.in.gov and visit www.IN.gov/lgov/ppp.